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# VHC honors Valentine

At the annual Vigilant Hose Company Banquet held January 8, 2000, Steven W. Valentine (center) was honored as the Outstanding Member of the Year. Chief Frank Davis (left) and President Tim Clarke presented the award. Steve has been a member of the company since February 1988 and serves as the com-

pany secretary. Over the years he has converted many of the company's records to a sophisticated computerized base. He is also active at the county level and presently serves on the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association Board.

For more about the VHC banquet see page 7.



Rosensteel Studio

## Council of Churches seeks support for refugee sponsorship program: food and housing needed

BY PAUL HARNER

President, Council of Churches

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches is considering sponsoring the resettlement of a refugee family in Emmitsburg. We believe this to be an opportunity for the community to reach out and provide a deserving displaced refugee family the chance to succeed and move forward with their lives. At the same time, it can be a most joyful and fulfilling experience for us.

As you can understand, this is an effort which the Council cannot undertake without help from the community as a whole. Committees need to be put together to initially provide food and find housing, help with shopping and travel, assist in finding employment, provide English classes and/or tutors, assist with obtaining medical examinations, help with getting driver's license and social security cards, etc. One of the

objectives is to ensure that the family does not use welfare assistance. It is expected to be a three to five month effort; although in one case that we know of, some support was required through eight months.

If you would like to participate or would like to find out more about such a program, please join us on Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., at Incarnation United Church of Christ, 124 West Main Street. Mr. Alex Kirculescu, head of the

Refugee Resettlement Sponsorship program for the Church World Service, will be present to provide us with written material regarding the program and answer our questions.

Not only should this be a fulfilling experience for us in that we are able to help a family in need, it is also an aid, albeit small, in relieving a worldwide refugee crisis.

## Emmitsburg winters of old: a kid's view

BY MICHAEL HILLMAN  
 Dispatch Correspondent

As I began to ascend the ladder toward the last of the dirty windows, I found it hard to accept that it was January. I was so warm in fact that I had dared to remove my shirt and was even toying with putting on some shorts. Where had the blustery winters and deep snows of my youth vanished to?

As I slathered on some more suntanning oil, I found myself wondering what life was like during a winter

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storm in Emmitsburg of long ago. Unfortunately, it proved just a tad too difficult to visualize a cold winter, but just when I was considering breaking

out my summer stock of rum, the jet stream head south, and winter returned with a vengeance. Suddenly it wasn't so hard to imagine being a kid in Emmitsburg in a winter long, long ago. Especially with the help of the older kids in the Emmitsburg Historical Society.

Unlike today, children in the '30 and '40's didn't have any fancy weather forecasts or weather channels to tune into. If a storm was approaching, their moms would rarely tell

(See WINTER on Page 5)

### Blizzard

by Sr. Anne Higgins

The deaf snow speaks  
 in sign  
 like a prophet.  
 His fingers remark the landscape  
 swiftly, stolidly.  
 They say  
 This time I am serious.  
 He cups his thick hand  
 on the birdsnest,  
 levels the driveways,  
 leans on the trees,  
 pulls the sky down  
 to the earth-nebulae swirl  
 by the second story windows.  
 This time I am serious.  
 This time  
 you will hear me.

## Letters to the Editor

The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts about issues that appear in this paper or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch*. They should be brief and must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number to be used for verification. Deadline for letters is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

### Disputes benefits of fluoride

Dear Editor,

You are probably wondering why a person from Hershey would be responding to an article in your paper. It's a long story—I had an apartment—briefly.

I would like to comment on Chris Sanford's water issue: fluoride. I have no doubt that Chris's intentions are good and honorable, but though I can't go into detail, there are indeed problems with fluoride.

The medical community came out with an article in, I believe, the *New England Journal* (but my

memory might not be perfect on that). Anyway, I thought the revelations from the medical community themselves would shut down the use of fluoride. What I am suggesting to Chris is to "dig" a little deeper into the subject and do some solid research. What it is now doing to our teens' teeth is not so good. Do you know what fluoride is made from? I do. I would encourage further debate on putting this into your water.

Craig Dayton  
Hershey, Pa.

### Thank you from CASS

Dear editor,

As the CASS (Community Agency School Services) Coordinator in the Catoctin area, I am privileged to associate with many people and organizations that are extremely charitable throughout the year but are particularly so during the Christmas season. I am continually impressed by the amount of giving that takes place during the Christmas season. It is this kind of spirit that I believe creates a close community such as the Emmitsburg/Thurmont area. One example of this generous spirit occurred during the recent holidays.

The process by which families were receiving assistance was well organized and ready to go in a timely fashion. Only a week before Christmas there came to my attention four additional families who needed assistance. There was an overwhelming response from community organizations such as Emmitsburg Elementary School, Graceham Moravian Church, and Seton Center. In the end, all families that CASS planned to assist received more than adequate support during the holidays.

The following persons and agencies need to be recognized for their support to our families in the Catoctin area: The Salvation Army, Penny Jurachek and the SGA and staff in general at Catoctin High School, Sister Mary Kevin and the

rest of the staff at Seton Center, April Wells and Lisa Folk from the Student Service

Learning Program at Catoctin High School, Chata Carr and company from Emmitsburg area, David Godwin, Attorney at Law, and Chris Murray, Financial Planner, both from Frederick, Brownie Troop # 1079 and Girl Scout troop #1088, both from Emmitsburg, Nancy Lewis and Linda Myers (teachers at Thurmont Middle School) and their students, Jubilee stores in Emmitsburg and Thurmont, Peggy Stitely, the adult Sunday School class from Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Betty Brownley and other staff from Emmitsburg Elementary School, students in the After School Adventures Program, Terry Folk and Graceham Moravian Church, Mary Margaret Bittle and Thurmont Ministries and the staff in the CASS office, K-Mart Stores in Frederick and Hagerstown, Thurmont Sheetz and Leslie Pursse from Up-County Family Center.

I apologize to any one I may have missed. Thanks to all of you for your generosity throughout the holiday season. It is your willingness to assist others that makes up the true spirit of the season as well as the community spirit of the Catoctin region.

Bill Derbyshire  
CASS Coordinator

## Town News...



**TOWN GETS MATCHING GRANTS** - Jon C. Burrell (center), Executive Director of Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), recently presented Mayor William Carr (right) with a check for \$1,500. The matching grant will enable the town to purchase safety equipment for use in trenching and manhole work. Commissioner Phil Postelle, president of the Town Council, is at left.

### Commissioners OK \$4,000 for skateboard park ramps

At the Town Meeting held on Jan. 10, Mr. Hobbs, the liaison for the parents of the skateboarders, asked the town for an extra \$2,000 for construction of the ramps for the skateboard park. The Town has already agreed to donate \$2,000, but Mr. Hobbs reported that not many ramps could be built for that amount of money. The commissioners voted 4 - 0 to spend \$4,000 for the ramps.

Also reported at the meeting:

It was announced that parking meters have been broken into again, but Deputy Ollie says they have suspects for the meter break-ins. He reported crime is down and that juvenile complaints are down substantially.

Robert Rosensteel was reap-

pointed to the Board of Appeals on which he has served for several years. Lori Rubling was appointed to serve on the Planning Commission, having served one term as an alternate.

Commissioners agreed not to renew the contract for the security officer which expires February 9, 2000. Mayor Carr recommended that it not be renewed because this is a less active period because of the weather. "It could save the town \$5,000 and we can always rehire if needed," he said. Deputy Ollie reported fellow deputies were coming up to Emmitsburg to help during the evening hours and that vandalism was down due to the fact that arrests were made following several break-ins in July.

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# Tourism corridor to link town, Civil War sites

John Fieseler, Executive Director of the Frederick County Tourism Council, addressed the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) at their Jan. 18 meeting at the Carriage House Inn. He told the group that he and other council members are in contact with state and national organizations to implement "corridor management" of U.S. 15 and other roads that link Civil War sites throughout several states. Emmitsburg, positioned on this U.S. 15 corridor, could benefit from increased tourism. He said local communities, highway officials, and interest groups would have to decide what the nature of the corridor would be and what it would look like.

Mr. Fieseler said the Tourism Council envisions a "hub and spoke" scheme with Frederick as the "hub" where people would stay overnight and visit via the "spokes" nearby sites such as Gettysburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, the Monocacy National Battlefield Park, and sites in northern Virginia. According to Fieseler, in 1997

visitors from more than 100 miles away, which excludes the Baltimore/Washington area, spent over \$117 million in Frederick County. In 1998 the number of visitors to Frederick from a 50-mile radius increased to more than a million visitors. "One goal of the council is to get people here to spend their money and then go home and not have an impact on the infrastructure and schools," Mr. Fieseler said.

The U.S. 15 Visitor Center located just north of town is scheduled for replacement according to Mr. Fieseler. The present building will be demolished and more conveniently designed and rebuilt with handicapped-accessible buildings, he said.

"We are still hoping for the town's visitor center to be open more often," said Bob Gauss, "but we need more volunteers."

"It would be a good thing to familiarize people with the unique and charming character of Emmitsburg," said EBPA member Hope Mahony.



Dispatch Photo

From left, Bob Rosensteel and Jeanne Nolte, EBPA members, chat with speakers John Fieseler, Director of the Tourism Council of Frederick County, and Sam Castleman representing ThorpeWood, a newly opened Conference Center off Mink Farm Road near Thurmont. Mr. Castleman told the group that ThorpeWood was built to serve youth groups and environmental groups for daytime activities. It is also available for business and social gatherings.

## Volunteer leaders needed for upcoming Little League season

BY DEAN TORGERSON

Dispatch Correspondent

Emmitsburg Little League (officially called Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League) held its second preseason meeting on January 6th to prepare for the 2000 season. Some league officers and team managers/coaches were elected; however, there are still league officer and team manag-

er/coach positions open. The league needs vice-presidents to oversee the boys' minor league and boys' little league divisions. We also need managers and coaches for the boys' minor league teams (4 teams) and the girls' (ages 13-15) softball team.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please come to our next meeting, which will be held on February 15

at the Trinity United Methodist Church on West Main Street in Emmitsburg or call Bill Wivell at (301) 447-2354. Also, the ice machine in the league's concession stand is broken and beyond repair. If anyone has an ice machine that we can use, please contact Bill Wivell at (301) 447-2354.

**Sign-ups scheduled for February** Just a reminder that

player sign-ups will be held February 5 and 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and February 12 and 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church on West Main Street in Emmitsburg.

**No boundary restrictions for boys' little league**

We have some good news to report. There will no longer be any boundary restrictions for the boys' little league division! So regardless of where you live, you can sign up to play in Emmitsburg.

## QUILTERS

### 'Inch work': Some fabrics may be harder to quilt than others

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS

Dispatch Correspondent

Do any of our readers remember a magazine feature "There Oughta Be a Law?" Borrowing from that title, I say "There oughta be a law—for Quilters." We think of ourselves as innovative, artistic, and daring. We alter patterns, play with color arrangements, and experiment with fabrics. The results can be fantastic, beautiful, or overwhelming. They can also be almost impossible to quilt by hand.

What's a law got to do with such situations? If every quilt maker were forced to hand quilt at least one of these fantastic quilts, she would either a.) be more careful about their fabric choices, or b) quilt the top by machine.

Twenty-five years ago, most women who quilted for others charged by the yards of thread used to finish a quilt. I do not remember the price, but some ladies in Alabama told me they charge 60 cents a yard. That can amount to \$150-\$200 a quilt.

In 13 years as a group, Mt. Tabor

Quilters have quilted several quilts that were very difficult to do. Some of these were because of the detail of the pattern; other were constructed of fabrics that could not be easily quilted.

Before starting a quilt top, decide how you want it quilted. If you plan to do your own quilting, you may be wise to check each fabric for ease of stitching as well as color co-ordination. Otherwise, you may be charged by the yards of thread and/or degree of difficulty in quilting if someone else does your quilting.

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About a year ago we tried to quit but made a last gasp appeal to our readers for support. To our astonishment over 200 readers responded with support in the form of notes of good-will, encouragement, and financial contributions to the paper. Merchants throughout the region also encouraged and supported us. Through the support of the the people listed below—whom we wish to thank from the bottom of our hearts—we made it safely “through another week” and continue our efforts to make this paper a viable community project.

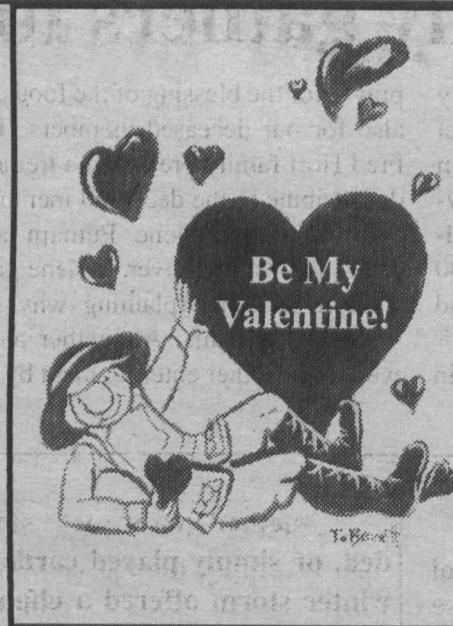
This year we are trying a fundraising event planned and carried out by the most enthusiastic group of volunteers anyone could wish to know. We are appreciative and humbled by this outpouring of community spirit.

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# Wivell family gathers for annual Christmas party

The Roy and Helen Wivell family held their annual Christmas party at the Rocky Ridge fire hall on December 26. Two hundred twenty-five family members attended, spending the afternoon from noon to 4:00 p.m. enjoying food and music and family fun.

Jenny Little led the family in

prayer for the blessing of the food and also for our deceased members. The Fred Hoff family presented a tremendous tribute to the deceased members composed by Arlene Putnam and Mark and Karen Oliver. Arlene gave a short speech explaining why she wanted to do this. Altogether a job well done. Other entertainment by the

Hoff family included skit: "You know you're a Wivell if..." —very hilarious!

Paul Wivell, our narrator, gave an update on the family for 1999: 11 new babies and 3 weddings. Special recognition was given to Bernard Wivell for being chosen the "Employee of the Year" at St.

Joseph's Provincial House. Bernard received a standing ovation. Fred Hoff, Sr., was inducted into the Roses and Thorns Club (over 62).

Five door prizes were then drawn and received by Lorie Wivell, James Wivell, and Mary Wivell.

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## Winter

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them, lest they raise hopes of school closings and the mischief those thoughts would bring the night before the storm.

If your mom was really, really good, your first inkling of a major winter storm would be in the morning when you awoke to discover Emmitsburg had become a winter wonderland. However, if you were lucky and had a friend, aunt, or uncle with rheumatism, you usually had fair warning of any approaching storm, and thus never wasted a night before a storm in useless studying.

No matter how bad the storm was, or how deep the snow, kids always got ready for school. Unlike the wimpy pampered kids of today, our grandparents were expected to stand out in the cold and wait for the bus no matter how bad the weather. Only after the bus was well past its time did their moms finally acknowledge that school just might really be closed. But if the bus came, off to school they went, where they would spend the day wishing for more snow, and an early end of the day.

Emmitsburg was a kid's haven in the winter. With hills and ponds a many, it boasted some of the best sledding and ice skating around. While almost forgotten today, in earlier days places like Bunker Hill, Havilah, and Poplar Hill were names that every child knew. At any given time, 30 to 40 sleds raced down these prime sledding spots. But if it was time-on-the-sled one was looking for, then Irish Town Road, as it was affectionately called back then, was the place to be. Starting at the top of the hill near Saint Joseph's, one could slide clear down to the "Wharf" at Flat Run Creek (just behind Jubilee).

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best skating by far was at Tom's Creek Bridge. A pond almost a quarter of a mile long, formed behind the old Maxell mill race dam, offering a smooth surface that twisted and turned through beautiful Tom's Creek Valley. Whether your goal was to skate fast, or to skate slowly hand-in-hand with the one you loved, Tom's Creek offered it all.

Other prime skating destinations included Flat Run, whose thick tree screen provided protection from biting winter winds and the Old Mount St. Mary's Pond, drained long ago for a new Student Hall. But it was Frailey's Pond that offered Tom's Creek its greatest competition. Located just to the west of town, 200 yards south of the Doughboy statue, it was a popular spot for skaters who had grown too old to skate with parents. It was laced with small caves around its circumference, in which fires would burn all night. On the ice, or around the fires, those who would soon face the horror of terrible wars frolicked with friends and loved ones into the wee hours of the morning.

Without TV to entertain them, everyone still found something to do. Whether you skated, sled-ded, or simply played cards, a winter storm offered a chance for everyone to stop and take notice of the good things in

one's life. But before winter play could begin, chores had to be attended to. If you lived on a farm, milking was always the first order of business for girls. For boys, it was the stocking of fire wood and coal, cleaning ashes from the stoves and burners, and drawing water for kettles that simmered all day, and provided the only warm water in many houses.

Winter storm breakfasts were reasons for feasts, often consisting of "pudding" and corn cakes, pastries and other sweet treats. Pudding, of course, being a ghastly concoction of dead everything boiled down to pure artery-choking lard. But boy, did it taste good!

And yes, snows were much deeper back then, and according to Historical Society members, it had nothing to do with the fact that they were then only a quarter of their present height! Many tales are told of fences disappearing for months at a time. Fences that still dot the countryside, viewable to all who dare to doubt. Snows were so frequent and heavy that it was often possible to step over fences that were otherwise insurmountable—including ones hiding stills and other private matters.

Winter storms, of course, meant money for enterprising kids. Work clearing driveways and walkways could readily be found at ten cents an hour. While today kids have snow blowers and make quick work of it all, back then, kids had to move snow one handful at a time.

As evening descended, all scattered toward home and the hot meals

that awaited by fires that would warm. Evenings were full of games of all sorts, Chinese checkers, gin rummy, and games of that sort. But no snowy night was complete without the popping of corn. On really snowy nights, taffy pulling was performed.

Heat in bedrooms was a luxury that few could afford, and electric blankets, while nice, were yet to be born. The fire did beckon as bed time approached, and the distance to the fire reflected the order of going. The goal, need I say, was to suck up enough heat, in hopes of staying warm through the cold night to come. The one beauty of winter was it made friends of us all. It was impossible to be mad at one's brother or sister, for we depended on them for warmth as we lay back to back.

Nestled deep in flannel sheets and under quilts of all sizes, children lay as still as they could, lest toes touch the cold reaches. With time and perseverance, sheets eventually warmed to their liking, and before they knew it, they had fallen into sleep—a sleep full of dreams such as another full day of winter's white bluster.

Well, in spite of early predictions of a winter without snow, winter finally came through. As I watched my dog frolic in the deep drifts of snow, I heard laughter seep from the past. I strained to hear more, and began to imagine the source, but the cold wind was biting, and my dog stood shivering, as if to remind me of his plight. Retreating inside, we warmed by the fire, and with my dog fast asleep, I consigned these memories to file.

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## Senior Citizen News

### Center offers free exercise class

BY LINDA UMBEL  
Dispatch Correspondent

Strength Exercises are offered free of charge to all persons 60+. Classes are held at the Emmitsburg Senior Center, Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

The strength exercise program is a total body workout. It includes strength building, flexibility, stretching, and balance exercises and all major muscle groups in the body are involved. Small had weights are used with slow progression to heavier weights if desired. All exercises are performed standing or sitting in a chair.

A certified personal trainer conducts the class and performs all exercises with the class. Relaxing music is played. The program is a self-limiting

group class and participants are encouraged to rest frequently and use chair exercises when necessary.

The class does not perform cardiovascular (aerobic) exercises, but participants are encouraged to walk and perform other types of cardiovascular activity on their own.

The Seniors extend a special "thank you" to the businesses that gave gift certificates for the New Year's Eve Party. A great time was had by all as forty-five people celebrated the New Millennium together.

Sign up for the bus trip to Allenberry Playhouse, March 23. The performance will be Wild Flower Follies and cost \$50 per person. Call the Senior Center for reservations. 301-447-6253.

## Wellness tips from the desk of Dr. Bonita Portier, D.O.

During this season when more folks than usual are indoors, the risk of communicating disease is greater than usual. In our busy culture, taking time out to get well is not always an option.

Staying well would be a better plan.

### 1). Diet:

Eating vitamin-rich food such as fruits and vegetables helps replace co-factors used by our immune system to fight off disease. Good fluid intake is important to keep mucus thin, help prevent bacterial overgrowth in the bowels by allowing more frequent movements, and flush virus and bacteria from the bladder. Foods rich in fiber also aid in stimulating the bowel.

### 2). Exercise:

Outdoor activities allow for benefit from sunshine and air that kills many viruses and bacteria and molds. Aerobic exercise, exercise that makes us breathe deep, puts that same benefit where we need it — in the lower parts of our lungs. Even if the weather keeps us indoors, a good indoor workout helps a lot. One aerobic indoor non-weight bearing exercise is done while lying on the bed or floor. Locking knee and pointing toe as a pen point, use the whole leg to write the alphabet in cursive. If at any point in the exercise there is sharp pain, please do not do this.

However, if this is fairly comfortable to do, try to get from A to Z.

Each leg and each arm. For arm writing, lock at the elbow and use the whole arm. For some with congestive heart problems or other problems, this might not be a good idea. But if you are able, go ahead and try. This exercise makes for deep breathing and is a pretty good workout.

### 3). Rest:

Sleep deprivation alone makes us so vulnerable to disease. The usual person requires between seven and nine hours of sleep. When we are very active or stressed we cause a large amount of epinephrine and norepinephrine to be dumped in our blood stream. This is why we feel jittery at these times. Add large amounts of caffeine as we flog ourselves into action, more epinephrine and norepinephrine is added again. What is a stimulus to our brain is a narcotic to our immune system. White cells police for virus and bacterial invaders and then launch damage control when we are in need. However, these cells have something called beta receptors. These are on/off switches for the cell. Epinephrine and norepinephrine fill up these beta receptors and cause our

immune system to go into sleep mode- they rest while we work. When we rest, the cells lose the epinephrine and norepinephrine and become very active. Thus the old adage, we heal ourselves during sleep. No sleep means little healing and mending is possible.

## St. Catherine's Nursing Center names Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for December 1999 is Sharon Hunter. Sharon has been employed as the Activities Assistant since May of 1998. Sharon is a great asset to the Activities Department. She is kind, patient, and very thoughtful. Sharon completes many special projects with our residents and volunteers to work many holidays on various shifts. Sharon has maintained perfect attendance since her employment. Sharon gets along well with coworkers and family members. Sharon definitely

deserves to be named employee of the month. Congratulations, Sharon!



SHARON HUNTER

### 4)Control disease spread

Clean surfaces: vinegar, citrus cleaners, dilute bleach, good old soap and water applied to telephones, keyboards, and other frequently used surfaces. Change towels and wash cloths frequently. When a sick person is beginning to recover, change pillowcases and toothbrushes to avoid re-infection. Use the dishwasher if there is one. Do not eat or drink after others. Do not use the same unwashed glass or container as another. Do not swig out of bottle/carton containers meant for general use. Do not share razors. Line your trash cans and

waste baskets and empty them frequently. Wash hands frequently and then apply lotion. You do not need an antibacterial soap.

Friction rubbing and washing does the greater part of cleansing. Lotions often provide good barrier protection against disease. Inexpensive lotions work just as well as expensive lotions to protect skin. **Avoid touching or rubbing eyes, do not scratch. These actions introduce eager invaders to the body.** Use tissue instead of handkerchiefs. Use paper towels when possible.

## Marine begins combat training

Private Dennis Andrew, Jr., recently graduated from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Pvt. Andrew is the son of Dennis Andrew, Sr., and Pamela Hobbs of Fairfield, Pa. He is a 1999 graduate of Catocin High School in Thurmont, Md. He entered the Marine Corps through the delayed entry program and reported for basic training on September 29, 1999.

He received the Marine Corps' Expert Award for his performance in qualifying on the rifle range. He scored 233 out of a possible 250, the second highest percentage in his platoon.

Following his ten days of

leave at home, Pvt. Andrew is now attending Marine combat training at Camp Geiger, N.C.



PRIVATE DENNIS ANDREW JR.

# Vigilant Hose installs new officers for 2000



The Vigilant Hose Company recently installed new officers for 2000 during its annual banquet. In top left photo are administrative officers seated, from left, Timothy M. Clarke, president; Christopher P. Byard, vice president; Steven M. Hollinger, treasurer; Michael A. Working, assistant treasurer; Steven W. Valentine, secretary; and Glenn R. Swain, assistant secretary. Members of the Board of Directors are, standing from left, William D. Boyd, Jr., Jimmy A. Glass, David A. Vaughn, John S. Hollinger, and Thomas E. Vaughn. Not present for photo is Leo M. Boyle.

The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) of Emmitsburg held its 116th Anniversary Volunteer Fire and Rescue Awards and Recognition Banquet at the Mother Seton Elementary School on Saturday, January 8, 2000. Over 200 people from throughout the region attended and enjoyed the banquet meal by Cornucopia and Watson Catering. Guy A. Baker, Jr. was Master of Ceremony.

Timothy Clarke, president of the Vigilant Hose Company, expressed in his welcoming remarks the company's appreciation to the community for the outpouring of support following the deaths of members Terry Myers and Sharon Topper last year. He said the first few months of 1999 were very trying but that now the company is coming together and is experiencing increasing membership.

The VHC is staffed by over 100 active volunteers and responded to

over 500 community requests for assistance - both emergency and non-emergency - last year. "In this millennium," Mr. Clarke said, "I hope you will make every effort to ensure voluntarism in the fire company."

Mr. Clarke also announced that the Year 2000 begins with the expected delivery of a new pumper in April. The Engine-Tanker 64, with state-of-the-art features, will replace a vehicle nearly 30 years old.

New officers were installed by Chief Paul Sterling who was representing the Maryland State Firemen's Association President Carl Edelin.

Pastor Susan Yatta of the Elias Lutheran Church conducted a Memorial Service for former members Terry L. Myers (1948-1999) and Sharon Topper (1955-1999).

**See Banquet on page 20**



VHC line officers are, seated, from left, A. Frank Davis, chief; James E. Click, 1st assistant chief; Carl A. White, 2nd assistant chief; Clifton E. Shriner, captain, Carl E. Angleberger, lieutenant; Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr., lieutenant; Christopher A. Stahley, lieutenant. Standing from left are Glenn R. Swain, lieutenant; Chad M. Umbel, lieutenant; fire police Stephen P. Orndorff, captain; Paul Krietz, 1st lieutenant; and Samuel B. Cool, 2nd lieutenant.



*Photos by Rosensteel Studio*

Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary officers installed for 2000 are Dorothy D. Davis, president; Jo Ann Boyd, treasurer; Joyce E. Glass, secretary; Tiffany R. Stahley, financial secretary; and Wanda E. Myers, historian. Not present for photo is Peggy Rauschenberg, vice president.

**The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) and its Auxiliary are preparing for a busy fund-raising year! Some of our upcoming events include:**

Sunday, February 13: Shrimp and Oyster Feed

Thursday, February 17: Old-Fashioned Bingo. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Early Bird Bingo begins at 6:45, with regular bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun that includes 30 games of bingo, door prizes, and a raffle.

Refreshments are also available.

Upcoming March activities include:

March 16: Old-Fashioned Bingo

March 18: Sportsman's Drawing (if you are a current ticket holder, you will be contacted by mail)

Thanks to the terrific community support we continue to receive, the VHC Auxiliary was able to donate \$35,000 to the VHC at the annual banquet on January 8.

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## Lions honor librarians

Kate Warthen and Cathy Link were honored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club at their December dinner meeting held at the Carriage House Inn.

Lions Club president Dave Martin presented a plaque to Kate Warthen upon her retirement after 37 years as librarian of the Emmitsburg Branch. Cathy Link received a certificate of appreciation for her 5 years of service as children's librarian.

Mayor Carr and several members of the Library Board gave tributes to both ladies for their dedication and

service to our library.



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## EBPA states goals

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association continues to meet monthly at the Carriage House Inn. Speakers bring insight into what is happening in the Emmitsburg area.

Goals:

- \*Set up a business exchange
- \*Act in some manner as a Chamber of Commerce
- \*Be involved in the Emmitsburg Mason-Dixon Fall Festival
- \*Show appreciation of the work of charitable organizations that work in our community.

To join call 301-447-3110

## Married 40 years

On August 29, Edward and Helen Reaver of Emmitsburg celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vows after the 9:30 Mass with their pastor, Fr. Leo Tittler officiating. The ceremony was followed by a brunch at their home given by their children and later a delicious fried-chicken buffet later that evening.

The couple was married on August 29, 1959, at St. Anthony's Catholic Shrine, Emmitsburg, with

the late Rev. Vincent J. Tomalski officiating.

Helen is the daughter of the late Roy and Helen Wivell of Emmitsburg and recently retired from the Emmitsburg town office after 13 years of service. Ed is the son of the late Sheridan and Helen Reaver of Taneytown and is a partner in Reaver's Woodworking shop. He was previously employed at Hartz and Company, Frederick, for many years.

Ed and Helen are the parents of nine children; Janet Kelly of Eldersburg, Danny, Matthew, Mary Shields, Vincent all of Emmitsburg; Greg of Thurmont; Christopher of Darnerstown; Laura Dillman of Catonsville, and Brian Reaver of Fairfield, Pa.

The couple has 20 grandchildren.



ED AND HELEN REAVER

## Married 25 years



LINDA AND WALTER STONSIEFER

On December 5, Walter and Linda Stonesifer, Simmons Road, Taneytown, Md., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the United Trinity Methodist Social Hall, Emmitsburg, with a surprise party given by their son Randy and family and Ed and Helen Reaver, their friends. Approximately 55 people attended.

The couple was married on December 21, 1974, at the United Trinity Methodist Church with a reception following at the VFW social Hall.

Linda is the daughter of the late Bernard and Bertha Cool, Emmitsburg, and Walter is the son of the late Edgar and Ruth Stonesifer. Linda is a stay-at-home mom and Walter is employed for seasonal work at the Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont.

They are the parents of three sons, Randy living in Keymar; David and Ronnie at home. The couple has 4 grandchildren.

## Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Brenda Dickensheets and John Hardy, Sr., Emmitsburg, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy (Jodie M. Davis) Wisner, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Jan 7.

Theresa Rogers, Emmitsburg, a son

Jennifer Trite and Melvin Koogle, Emmitsburg, a son, Jan. 20.

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## NEIGHBORS

BY KATE WARTHEN  
Dispatch Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and family are spending the last weekend of January through the first week in February at Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Alice Wood and daughters are visiting her daughter Judith Beale of Emmit Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Stitely were given a farewell party recently. The party was attended by many family and friends. Brian has accepted a position in Rhode Island. Best of luck, Brian.

Megan Adelsberger spent last weekend in Washington, D. C. Megan is a dance student at the Linda Elower Studio in Thurmont.

The Emmitsburg Public Library Book Discussion Club will meet the second Friday in February. Betty Kengla will host the group.

Mrs. Joan Fisher, Library Branch Manager in Emmitsburg, welcomed a new grandchild this month. Congratulations, Joan.

Mark and Ellen Warthen had Ellen's sister and her family as house guests this past weekend.

Leah Adelsberger spent last weekend in the Poconos with a group of students from Cactoctin High School.

If anyone has news for the paper about parties, weddings, anniversaries or other items of interest, please call me at 301-447-2560.

## Presidential Dinner



A n Official White House Photo

As guests at a friend's birthday celebration, President and Mrs. Clinton dined at the Carriage House Inn in November. This photo was taken by the White House photographer as a memento for the management and staff who served the Clintons. Standing, from left, are Jean Hance, John Hance, Joe Hallinan, Billy Jo Staub, Kim Hobbs, Tara Topper, Elaine Palmer, Angel Lantz, Nathan Adelsberger, Raymond Sanders, Sylvie Damsky, Julia Duncan, Clara Mae Shindledecker, Angie Hansen, Tina Kuhn, Cristy Stabler, President Clinton, and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Seated from left are Bob Hance, Joshua Hobbs, Sharon Collazo, and Jim Hance

## VFW Auxiliary: Supports Operation Uplink

BY DOLORES HENKE

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Emmitsburg Memorial VFW Post 6658 was held on January 6 with President Mary Topper presiding. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, other correspondence, and the Treasurer's report followed. Members attending the annual Christmas party expressed their enjoyment; dinner was held at the Ott House followed by an evening of "Christmas Bingo" at the Post Home. Everyone received several prizes. Joan Tracey was responsible for providing the prizes for the games. Instead of exchanging gifts, each member brought donations, such as baby clothes, baby bottles, baby food, etc., for the Catoctin Pregnancy Center. In addition, a check in the amount of \$100 was given to the Center from the Auxiliary.

In other business, a new member, Tanya Roberts, was voted into the organization. A ticket to the annual Gettysburg Hospital Ball was purchased. A check was given to Operation Uplink which was used to help military in the service to call home. A certificate from the VFW National Headquarters Adjutant General was received for the Auxiliary's participation in this project. Also, a check in the amount of \$300 was given to the VA

Medical Center in Martinsburg to provide for haircuts, shaves, etc. for the veterans.

Chaplain Gloria Bauerline gave her report on her Christmas activities for the Auxiliary. She visited former residents of Emmitsburg at the Lutheran Home and Shepherd's Choice in Gettysburg, St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg and the Odd Fellows Home in Frederick; giving each person a gift from the Auxiliary and visiting with them; they enjoyed talking about happenings in Emmitsburg and their friends in the area. Also, she visited the homes of fourteen local shut-ins and presented them with a Christmas remembrance.

A report was then given on the annual Christmas party provided for the veterans on December 5. The following members made the trip to Martinsburg for this affair: Mary Topper, Lois Hartdagen, Joan Tracey, Maria Topper, Rita Byard, and VFW members Donald Topper and Donald Byard. Prior to the party, members packed ninety individual fruit baskets for the veterans. Donations of homemade cakes, cookies, etc., were received from Auxiliary members. The veterans were also given gifts of toiletries, socks and slipper socks. The party at Martinsburg was enjoyed by eighty-two veterans.

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## Mount named 'character building' college

Mount St. Mary's College is one of only 60 institutions to be named a character building college by the prestigious John Templeton Foundation, an organization that recognizes colleges and universities for innovation and leadership in promoting character development among their students.

The Mount's freshman seminar was recognized as an exemplary program in the foundation's newly released guidebook, *Colleges that Encourage Character Development*.

Dr. David Rehm, director of freshman seminar and professor in the philosophy department, said,

"Freshman seminar is the foundation of the entire education a student receives at the Mount. Our program is special and very unique from other institutions."

The Mount freshman Seminar initiates students to the college experience, specifically to membership in a "Catholic liberal arts community dedicated to lifelong inquiry in the pursuit of truth," as the catalog states.

In addition, the Mount's program encourages first-year students to examine the beliefs, opinion, and value judgments that inform their actions through critical analysis and discussion about significant litera-

ture, speeches, and prose.

The goal of the John Templeton Foundation's College and Character Initiative is to encourage colleges and universities to reinforce positive values, such as honesty, compassion, self-discipline, and respect. The initiative seeks to foster widespread conversations within the higher education community about character development and to inform college-bound students, parents, policy makers, and the general public about how colleges and universities, individually and collectively, are responding to this challenge.

## OUT OF HIBERNATION The February feature of Studio Gallery

After our most successful holiday season in our eight-year history the members of Studio Gallery temporarily shut the doors and windows during the month of January to spackle, paint, and rearrange. We went into hibernation to let the creative juices flow. Now we are ready for a new year and will start with *Out of Hibernation*. John Wyvell, of Stone Fence Gardens in Thurmont, will be featuring his woodcarved bears. For the past eight years he has been bringing cherry and poplar logs to life with his unique art forms. Stone Fence Gardens is located at the intersection of Mountindale & Bethel Roads, Thurmont, Md. He specializes in landscape plantings as well as his gift shop items.

The present members of Studio Gallery will display work done during their own hibernation. This will



WOODCARVED BEAR

include Valentine gifts and cards as well and paintings and original crafts including pottery.

This show will run from February 2 through February 27 with an Opening on Sunday, February 6th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.

*We are always interested in new artists becoming part of our cooperative. Please call for an interview. 301-447-3292.*

## DEAN'S LIST

### Mount Saint Mary's

The following students have been named to Mount Saint Mary's College Dean's List. Students achieved this honor by maintaining at least a 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Thea R. Maddox, of Emmitsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maddox. She is majoring in biology.

Sophia Ritz, of Emmitsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ritz, Jr. She is majoring in mathematics.

Aimee Martin of Emmitsburg, daughter of David and Barbara Martin. She is majoring in biochemistry.

Laura Portier of Emmitsburg, daughter of Drs. William and Bonita Portier. She is majoring in foreign languages.

Nathan Adelsberger of Emmitsburg, son of Ken and Linda Adelsberger. He is majoring in business and finance.

## Party

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(We regret any names omitted.)

The Highlight of the Year: In August, four sisters (Margie, Helen, Jenny, and Joan) crashed the annual stag "Men's and Boy's Mountain Retreat" at Savage River. The girls did not receive a warm welcome as this is a "male bonding" camping trip, but they were treated to lunch and sent on their merry way.

The family then sang a patriotic song, "America the Beautiful," to close this century and to thank God for all the blessings this family has

received. Music was provided by Janie Hoff and Arlene Putnam.

The great-grandchildren presented the Nativity scene: Joseph-Josh Fullam; Mary-Kathy Shields; Jesus-Lauren Blake; Shepherds-Jared and Jordan Fullam and Sean Reaver; Kings-Nick Putnam and Levi Wivell; Angels-Sydney Reaver, Emily Kelly, Haley Crum; Samantha Topper, Jennifer, Mandy, and Emily Wivell. Our senior group led the traditional Christmas songs. Santa and Mrs. Claus then appeared and distributed gifts to everyone.

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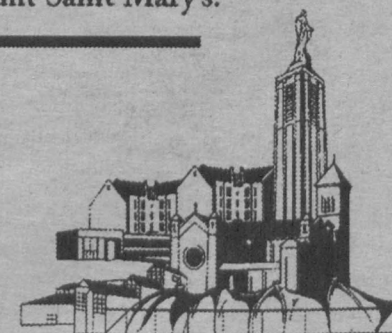
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## Obituaries

### Mr. Charles Rohrbaugh

Mr. Charles Richard Rohrbaugh, of Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa., died Thursday, Jan. 6, at Gettysburg Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was the husband of Theresa Sprankle Rohrbaugh.

Born May 6, 1942, in Freedom Township, Fairfield, Pa., he was a son of Frances Virginia Keepers Rohrbaugh of Fairfield, and the late George L. Rohrbaugh.

Mr. Rohrbaugh was a cement truck driver for Phoenix Corp. of Frederick for 30 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and VFW Post 6658, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are one daughter, Vicky Ann Rohrbaugh of Fairfield; and five brothers, Robert Rohrbaugh, Donald Rohrbaugh and Michael Rohrbaugh, all of Fairfield, Kenneth Rohrbaugh of Gettysburg, and Thomas Rohrbaugh of Frederick.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. Rohrbaugh's pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, was the celebrant.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

Memorials may be sent to Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., P.O. Box 1101, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

### Mrs. Carrie Thistlewaite

Mrs. Carrie M. Fitz Thistlewaite, 87, of McKnightstown, Pa., formerly of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of Maurice E. Fitz, who died in 1972, and Ralph Thistlewaite, who died in 1977.

Born April 7, 1912, in Bayard, W. Va., she was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Williams Wilson.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

She was employed by Emmitsburg shoe company for a number of years.

Surviving are two sons, Maurice E. Fitz Jr. of Fayetteville, Pa., and C. William Fitz of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.; three daughters, C. Marie Peterson of Topeka, Kan., Miriam McCauslin of Stewartstown, Pa., and Jean D. Hemler of McKnightstown; two brothers, William Wilson of Arizona, and Kenneth Wilson of Baltimore; two sisters, Margaret Knotts of Bayard, and Marie Unik of Florida; 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Fitz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was

Friday, Jan. 14, with the Rev. Joseph R. Wright serving as celebrant.

Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

### Mr. Murray Eyer

Mr. Murray W. Eyer, 89, of Gettysburg, Pa., and former long-time resident of the Rocky Ridge area, died Saturday, Jan. 15, at Gettysburg Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Ruby L. Turvin Eyer, whom he married on Oct. 16, 1946.

Born July 4, 1910, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Ammon B. and Iva Mort Eyer.

Eyer was a member of Mount Zion "Haugh's" Lutheran Church, Ladiesburg.

He devoted his life to dairy farming, operating the family farm in Rocky Ridge. In his younger years he was employed by the Western Maryland Dairy milk plant; he was also employed by Howard Johnson's in Baltimore.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II, and was discharged as a staff sergeant. During his military service he received many decorations and medals including the Bronze Star, World War II Victory Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon.

He was very active in his community, was a life member of Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Emmitsburg.

He loved hunting and fishing.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Murray Thomas Eyer and wife Sandra Faye; two daughters, Linda Jenkins and husband Robert, and Judy Pierce and husband Butch; eight grandchildren, Murray Stephen Eyer, Jonathan Marcus Eyer, Sarah Jane Turvin, Sarah Elaine Jenkins, Diana Leigh Jenkins, James Edward Bradford, Melissa Gail Bradford and Michael Bradford; one great-grandson, William Joseph Bradford; two brothers, Roland Eyer and wife Hilda of Lewistown, and Tunnie Eyer of Walkersville; and one sister, Ruth Fraley of Catocin Furnace.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Reno Eyer; and two sisters, Helen McGraw and Maye Ardinger.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 with Mr. Eyer's pastor, the Rev. Richard Rutkauskas, officiating.

Interment was in Mount Zion "Haugh's" Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Walkersville Ambulance Co. 24, P.O. Box 202, Walkersville, Md. 21793

### Mrs. Viola Lingg

Mrs. Viola Susanna Stoner Lingg, 90,

of Locust Street, Westminster, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Jan. 15, at Frederick Health Care.

She was the wife of Charles Edward Lingg, who died in 1962.

Born Aug. 28, 1909, in Cumberland Township, Adams County, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Loy and Victoria Yingling Stoner.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Lingg was a cook in the priest kitchen at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, for 35 years.

She is survived by nine children, Charles H. Lingg of Canton, Mich., Leona Gaughan of Seattle, Wash., Dorothy Riley of Gettysburg, Pa., Mary C. Jackson of Millville, Del., Nancy Prout of Cedar Park, Texas, David A. Lingg of Fairfield, Pa., Patricia J. McAnally of Bristol, Conn., Stephen T. Lingg of Braddock Heights, and Gregory M. Lingg of Middletown; 29 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Stoner of Owings Mills.

She was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Lingg; and five brothers and sisters, Helen Jacobson, Loy Stoner, Josephine Gallo, Frances Wennell and Clarence Stoner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Mount St. Mary's College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, with the Rev. Carl J. Fives as the celebrant.

Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. Clarence Hahn

Mr. Clarence William Hahn, 66, of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 16, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Margaret Marie King Hahn, whom he married on March 3, 1956.

Born Oct. 13, 1933, in Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Luther Abraham and Ida Emma Jacobs Hahn.

Mr. Hahn retired in 1994 as a painter in the maintenance shop with the

Montgomery County Public Schools, for whom he worked for 23 years.

He was a Christian and enjoyed reading the *Bible* and sharing the Gospel with his family and friends.

He was an avid animal lover and loved working on his "five-acre farm." He also painted pictures.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by seven children, Richard Michael Hahn and wife Diane, Karen Teresa Hahn, Mark William Hahn and wife Glenda, Linda Ellen Hahn Dove and husband Stacey, Melvin Leroy Hahn and wife Sangita, John Franklin Hahn and Dale Leroy Hahn and wife Sharon; 11 grandchildren, Andrew, Tara, Amanda, Richard, Matthew, Samantha and Dale Hahn, Roberta, Sarah and Jedidiah Dove, and David McCann; 11 brothers and sisters, Ida Mae Sklarevski, Luther J. Hahn, Paul M. Hahn, Albert A. Hahn, George E. Hahn, Lloyd J. Hahn, Helen K. Hahn McClain, Joseph O. Hahn, James H. Hahn, Ronald P. Hahn and Mary E. Hahn McLaughlin; a mother-in-law, Myrtle King; and a number of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert L. Hahn and Harry Augustus Hahn; a sister, Dorothy M. Hahn Bock; and a granddaughter, Amy Sue Hahn.

Funeral services were held at the Stauffer Funeral Home with Pastor Eugene Cline officiating.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Frederick County Unit, 1011 E. Patrick St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

#### A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



The funeral serves a wide range of purposes, with religious, psychological, and physical significance. There are many aspects and details to the meaningful funeral that are arranged with the assistance of the professional funeral director, usually at the time of need. However, some people prefer counseling prior to need.


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# Group aims to rebuild old-fashioned neighborhood

BY MARYA TIPTON  
Dispatch production

Pioneers are back in Pennsylvania. And they're making their homestead near Gettysburg.

These pioneers are members of The Hundredfold Farm. Hundredfold is a resident-developed community aimed at preserving farmland and rebuilding the old-fashioned neighborhood.

The aim is to build a 15-home clustered housing development designed by and for the residents themselves.

The project was initiated by Bill and Sandy Hartzell of Cashtown. The Hartzells, along with their two sons, Ben, 11, and Sam, 9, lived in a similar community in Snohomish, Wash., but decided to make the move back East to be closer to Sandy's parents, Pat and Lou Hammann. They launched the project in Adams County two years ago.

"I am pleased, but not surprised, by the amount of support we are getting from locals, as potential residents as well as professionals, because the idea just makes so much sense," said Bill, 40, who is presently completing a graduate degree in conservation ecology at Shippensburg. Resident-developed neighborhoods are gaining national attention. The safety, security and camaraderie offered make them a viable alternative to the loneliness found in typical suburbia, especially by singles, working parents, latch-key kids and seniors.

"An enormous benefit is just having people around on whom you would not

hesitate to call. Also, having neighbors who are more than neighbors — but that is an advantage not just to seniors," said Lou, 70, an ordained minister and retired history of religion professor from Gettysburg College.

The community will resemble other neighborhoods in many respects. Members will own individual homes which they can sell at any time. Park-like garden areas, farm and community center will be managed by a homeowners association. But the private homes will be clustered to preserve open spaces and to make socializing with neighbors easier, balancing privacy and community.

To date, Hundredfold has eight of a potential 15 households. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, including home-school moms, special ed teachers, horticulturalists and an airline pilot. However, the group is supported by a wider circle of active members and "friends of" Hundredfold, boasting as many as two dozen people. All ages and stages of life are represented as well, from young couples with small children to retirees. More detailed member profiles can be found on the Hundredfold website.

They now have under contract an 80-acre Christmas tree farm near Cashtown. The group presented their concept sketch to the Franklin Township Planning Commission Feb. 5. Pending approvals, groundbreaking could start as early as July.

Hundredfold aims to be the first community of its kind in the Keystone State, although there are nearly 50 similar communities in the United States and Canada, and hundreds more in Denmark.

Key partners in the Hundredfold adventure have been the Heartbeat Cities trio of consultants. The Pittsburgh-based firm has been working with the project for more than a year and the construction and financial experience they offer has clearly been an asset.

Although site design is still in the beginning stages, the group intends to build energy-efficient, passive solar homes and use a community septic system. They also plan to start an organic farm to raise fruits and vegetables for their own use and possibly to sell to others following the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model.

Hundredfold Farm gets its name from an ancient Chinese proverb:

If you give a man a fish, he will have a meal.

If you teach him to fish, he will have a living.

If you are thinking a year ahead, sow seed.

If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree.

If you are thinking one hundred years ahead, educate the people.

By sowing seed once, you will harvest once.

By planting a tree, you will harvest tenfold.

By educating the people, you will harvest one hundredfold.

*Anonymous Chinese poet, 420 B.C.*

For more information about Hundredfold, contact Bill or Sandy Hartzell at rhubarb@cvn.net or visit the website at <http://users.desupernet>.

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We have previously listed a few of the items to be auctioned. In this issue as well as in the March edition you will find some one-of-a-kind things as well as loads of very desirable services, dinners, additions for your home, and collections. We hope you will take this opportunity to review this list and note those things you would like to bid on at the auction. Funds from this Gala will provide operating expenses for the *Dispatch*.

## Auction Items...

### LIVE AUCTION ITEMS...

During the evening of the Gala, after dinner, but before dessert, a live auction will be held with John Compton presiding as auctioneer. The committee is proud to present these four auction items.

- *Wagonload of Flowers*, an original framed painting by artist R. Benjamin Jones of an old country wagon overflowing with flowers. Donated by **Becky and Ben Jones**.

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- One week at oceanblock apartment in Rehoboth Beach. Donated by **Insurance Brokers of Maryland and Audrey and Eric Glass**.

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**Dinner for two** Donor: Fairfield Inn

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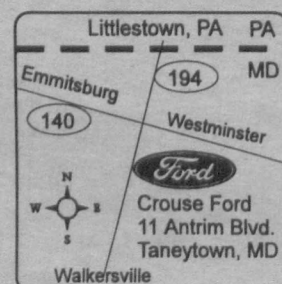
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# Looking Ahead

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The February EBPA luncheon will be held at the home of Mount President George Houston. The guest speaker is Kathy Snyder, President of Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Reservations will be required by no later than Friday, Feb. 4.

## Saturday, February 12

A Retreat (given in Spanish) with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - "A Call to Holiness," from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Provincial House, 333 S. Seton Avenue. The presenter is Sister Judith Rojas, a Colombian, who is a member of the Daughters of Charity of the Emmitsburg Province, D.C. The retreat is open to both men and women. Cost is \$35 which includes lunch. For more information or reservations call 301-447-6606. Reservation deadline: Feb. 4.

## Monday, Feb. 14

Thurmont Aglow monthly meeting at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Buffet begins 6:15 p.m., \$7. Regular meeting begins 7:05 p.m. Gentlemen are invited to this meeting. This month's speaker is Doug Russo. His topic is "A Man's View of Family, Marriage, and Home." For reservations please call 301-271-4346 or 301-447-2283.

## Thursday, February 17

Emmitsburg Council of Churches meeting at the United Christ of Church, 124 W. Main Street at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of helping a refugee family resettle in Emmitsburg. All persons interested in the project are invited to attend.

## Saturday, February 19

All-you-can-eat buffet breakfast sponsored by the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary in conjunction with the fire company's butchering from 6:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the activities building in Rocky Ridge. The buffet will feature pancakes, pudding, sausage, scrambled eggs, homefries, hominy, chipped-beef gravy, toast, fruit cup, orange juice, hot chocolate, hot tea, coffee and milk. Adults: \$4.50; children (5-10): \$3.00; under 5: free. The Mt. Tabor Church Youth Group will sell baked items during the breakfast. For advanced meat orders, call 301-447-2488 or 301-271-2880.

## Sunday, February 20

A good old country pancake breakfast sponsored by the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, toast, eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, orange juice, fruit cocktail, and coffee. Adults: \$4.50; children (8-12): \$3.00. For more information call 410-751-1685 or 410-756-4260. If the snow emergency plan is in effect it will be held on February 27.

## Saturday, February 26

All-you-can-eat Buffet Breakfast at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) from 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., featuring sausage, pancakes, home fries, chipped-beef gravy, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Adults: \$4.50; Ages 5-10: \$2.25. Bake & Craft Table available. Advance orders for sausage and pork chops can be made by calling 410-756-6878 or 301-447-6384.

## Saturday, March 4

Annual Spring Bazaar at Elias Lutheran Church beginning at 1 p.m. The Beef, Turkey, and Ham Supper includes filling, mashed potatoes,

green beans, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, applesauce, and cake. Adults \$7.50, Children 6-12, \$3. Carryouts, \$8.50. A few coverlets featuring the Emmitsburg churches will be available.

## Sunday, May 7

The Rocky Ridge Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Bingo. The tickets are \$10 a person. For tickets or more information you may call Bonny Hurley at 301-271-3370 or Nancy Summers at 301-271-4409.

## Catoctin FFA Holding Country Butchering

On March 3rd, 2000 the Catoctin FFA Chapter, in cooperation with the Catoctin FFA Alumni Association, will hold a country butchering at Catoctin High School in the agriculture center. Harold Lenhart will again be the head butcher and is providing much of the equipment needed.

Ten hogs will be cut up and sold. A large variety of meat will be available for sale including sausage, pork chops, pudding, ham, ribs and roasts. If you would like to place an order or need more information please call Mr. Beavan at 271-7406, Paul at 271-4501, Dawn at 416-0670, Jessica at 447-6816, or Kirra at 271-4654.

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## Hunter safety course offered

The Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Road, and the Department of Natural Resources Police is having a hunter safety course. The dates are March 28, March 30, April 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The time of the April 9 class will be decided at the class. Graduation will entitle you to a certificate which qualifies you for a hunting license. You must attend all four classes and you cannot be late. Above all you must pass a test. Pre-phone registration a must. Call Dick or Florence (410-751-1685) between 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Lions Club HEALTH FAIR

The Emmitsburg Lions Club in conjunction will the Gettysburg Hospital is planning its annual Health Fair Saturday, March 25 at Mother Seton School from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Cut 'n Paste

## HEALTH FAIR

Sat. March 25, 2000

Remember to fast 12 hours

# A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION...for the birds

BY BILL MEREDITH

On January 1, 1999, to commemorate the beginning of my first full year of retirement, I made two New Year's resolutions: to read a book each week and to lose 20 pounds. When the new Millennium arrived a few weeks ago I took stock of the year just past and found I had managed to achieve barely half of the expected reading list, and my weight had gone up 4 pounds. So this year I resolved to make no resolutions at all. That seemed more realistic; as I thought about it, I could recall only one New Year's resolution that I have ever kept. That was in January, 1979, when I resolved to keep a list of the birds I saw each day. The arrival of the 21st century marks my 21st year of continuous records.

I had been a casual birder for years, but had not been systematic and really wasn't very good at it; in the first month of 1979 I recorded only 25 species. (By comparison, I saw 30 species in one day this January.) I began by writing each day's observations on a scrap of paper which I carried in my shirt pocket; by the end of the month it was frayed and worn from refolding, and hardly legible in places. As the spring months arrived and the number of migrating species increased, such haphazard scribbling proved inadequate; so I designed a chart on graph paper, which gave each bird a block for each day of the month. This allowed for more readable records, but each month a new chart had to be copied laboriously by hand. Some time in 1980 the TRS-60 computer became available; it simplified the listing of species, but the chart still had to be hand-drawn. The real breakthrough came in 1984 when I got my first Macintosh computer and a spreadsheet which provided a really efficient format. So I now have a file crammed with 252 sheets, one for each month of the past 21 years, recording the dates when over 250 species of birds were observed.

My wife, who tends to be practical about such things, happened to notice the size of the file when I was preparing the sheet for this month; she asked why I was doing this and

whether I expected to be buried with "all those papers" when I die. I had never thought about that; simply having the records seemed to be a sufficient reason for continuing. In truth, their scientific value is limited. For example, the winter of '85-'86 lists an unusual number of sightings of the red-breasted nuthatch, suggesting a minor population explosion of that rare species; but in fact there was only one bird--a bedraggled fellow who hung around local feeders for the winter and showed up in my yard every couple of weeks, stained from book to tail with suet grease. The sudden increase in sightings of waterfowl that began in 1995 did not signify some subtle environmental change; it was simply the product of a new telescope I got for Christmas that year. And the sudden decline in the number of brown creepers after 1994 does not signify a population crash; rather it reminds me that I'm aging and can no longer hear their high-pitched squeaks.

The files do testify to a few real ecological changes. The invasion of Emmitsburg by resident Canada Geese from the Midwest is recorded. In 1979, I saw geese on ten separate occasions; that had increased to 179 by 1992, and now I can find them any day I happen to look. The recovery of bluebird populations from DDT poisoning likewise shows up; I saw bluebirds 5 times in 1979, compared to 62 times in 1999. House finches were just arriving in this area in 1979 as their population spread from the Southwestern states, and I saw them 14 times that year; now they are so abundant as to be a nuisance to some people. But none of this is news; it all has been documented by numerous publications, and is well known even by people who have no interest in birding.

Some small value might be attached to the "accidental" sightings that are scattered among the files. These are species that do not normally live here but may wander off course when migrating or may be blown in by storms. For example, there was an immature Bonaparte's gull on a lake in Fairfield in August, 1996; it evidently had got an early start on its trip from Alaska to the southern Atlantic coast and was a bit off track. I was pleased but not par-

ticularly surprised to see it. On the other hand, the following month I nearly ran off the road near Fort Ritchie when I saw a double-crested cormorant sitting on a piling in the lake; the bewildered expression on its face suggested it was just as surprised as I was. In April, 1995, an anhinga appeared on Lake Linganore, attracting enough attention to be featured in the Frederick newspaper; it was not yet on my life list, so I made a pilgrimage to see it. That same spring, a glassy ibis appeared on a local farm pond; I never figured out how it became disoriented enough to get this far from salt water.

My favorite of all the records is what my grandchildren call "The Great White Hawk." It really is a red-tailed hawk, but it is pure white in color. It is not a true albino, because it originally had several red tail feathers, three jet-black feathers on its back and a black face. Judging from its size, I think it is a Mille (female hawks are larger). It first appeared in November, 1982 and I saw it at least once in each of the following two years. After a 4-year hiatus it reappeared in 1989; by then, there were only three red tail feathers left, the back was uniformly white, and the face was becoming grizzled. I have seen it every winter since then, except 1994; it has continued to lose color as it aged, and now is completely white except for its gray face. I'm sure it is the same individual; albinistic (partly white) individuals occur in most species,

but they are not common, and it would stretch the laws of probability for more than one to appear so regularly. It obviously does not suffer from the weak constitution usually seen in pure albinos, I have seen it chase other hawks away from its hunting territory. I don't know what the record life span is for this species, but 16 years is pretty good for survival in the wild. I have never seen it before October or after March, so I assume it migrates north for the summer. It would be interesting to know whether it has mated successfully.

Looking through the old records brings back memories. In 1979 there were 288 species on my life list, the result of 30 years of courses, field trips and work as a field biologist. The list now stands at 333, and I can remember the thrill of seeing each one of them, whether on vacation trips, solitary waits, or at the backyard feeder. Some of the old shoots are stained by coffee, or sweat from working in the garden; a few are blurred from a trip through the washing machine when I forgot to take them out of a shirt pocket. There are sketches of specimens made in the field on occasions when I didn't happen to be carrying my Field Guide for identification.

Many contain notes having nothing to do with birds... directions to someone's home, shopping reminders, notes jotted down at meetings, and in one case, a draft of

Please see Birds on page 17

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Obituaries from page 11

**Mrs. Elizabeth McCleaf**

Mrs. Elizabeth Amelia Eiker McCleaf, 97, of Mountain View Rd., Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 23, at her home.



She was the wife of the late Albert William McCleaf.

Born Sept. 11, 1902, in Fairfield, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Jacob Peter and Carrie Herring Eiker.

Mrs. McCleaf was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, and the Lutheran Church Women.

She was retired from the Dietary Department at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg.


Surviving are two sons, Albert Wayne McCleaf of Emmitsburg, and Jack Eiker McCleaf of Brinklow; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Eiker of Gettysburg, Pa.; and one sister, Hazel Snyder of Fairfield, Pa.

Mrs. McCleaf was preceded in death by three brothers, George Eiker, Sam Eiker and Gilbert Eiker; and one sister, Elva Eiker.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 27, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with Mrs. McCleaf's pastor, the Rev. Susan Haas Yatta, officiating.

Interment was in Elias Lutheran Church Cemetery.

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**Birds** from page 16

a poem that came to me while walking.

These things are the real value of those 252 sheets of paper... a record of life. So while I may decide not to be buried with them, I guess I'll keep them for a while.

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## ROCKY RIDGE NEWS

BY EMMA KEENEY  
Dispatch Correspondent

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Banquet was held at the fire hall on Dec. 5 to thank those who had helped during the past year.

Betty Ann Mumma welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Emily Sixx. A delicious meal had been prepared and was served by the firemen.

The entertainment was by the Fairfield Knightyme Impression Show Choir, which is made up of 19 Fairfield High School students. The singing and dancing were beautiful.

A memorial service was held for Florence Brauer.

Betty Ann gave special thanks for a delicious meal, beautiful head table flowers, poinsettias and the great assistance from everyone throughout the year.

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co.

will be sponsoring a Country Butchering at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. To place a meat order call Bob Ogle at 301-271-2880 or Bob Kaas at 301-447-2488. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a Country Breakfast Buffet. Breakfast will be from 6 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Money Bingo will be held every Saturday night at the Rocky Ridge Activity Building. Doors open at 5 p.m., games at 7 p.m. Good home-cooked food will be for sale.

Rocky Ridge Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Bingo on May 7. The tickets are \$10 a person. For tickets or more information you may call Bonny Hurley: 301-271-3370 or Nancy Summers: 301-271-4409.

**Belated Birthday wishes for January:** Anthony Harris, Chris Day, Barry Eiker, Chris Angleberger, Robbie Eyler, Josephine Dinterman, William (Bill) Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, Jeanie Angleberger, Penny Eyler, Christine Hurley, Brian Hahn, Jr., Brenda Shriner, Dave Wiles, Jennifer Dinterman and Norine Haas.

**Belated January Anniversary:** Vicky and Louie Powell.

**February Birthdays:** Greta Lambert, Emma Lou Harris, Jonathan Moser, Jeanette Miller, Bradley Greene, Philip Dinterman, David Dinterman, Bruce Beall, Scott Moser, Michael Sponsellar, Albert Stambaugh, Chris Roser, Gregg Moser, Lamar Wagerman and Lamar Wagerman III.

**February Anniversary:** Donald and Betty Brown.

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December 12<sup>th</sup>, during the worship service, the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church received a gift of \$125.00 from the Mt. Tabor Youth group. The presentation was made by Glenn Haines.

On Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, during the worship service, Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey and Pastor Ted Haas baptized Andrew Michael Duble, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Duble. The parents signed the baptism book and were presented with gifts. Rev. Maxey had been visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Larry Duble, Thurmont, for several days and has returned to Dustin, Oklahoma.

### NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Belated January birthdays:** Jeni Baker, Deidre Beard, Sidney Moser, Russell Moser, Josh Eyler, Mary Knipple, Wilson Baker, Pat Eichelberger, Dick Glass, Elmer (Pete) Lambert, Lucas Putman and Wanda Stover.

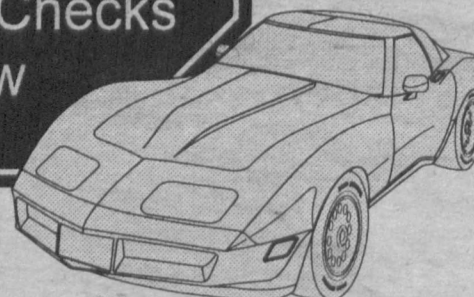
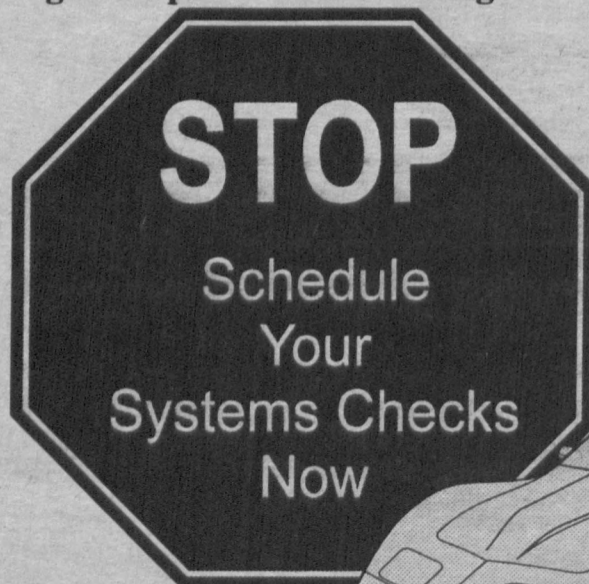
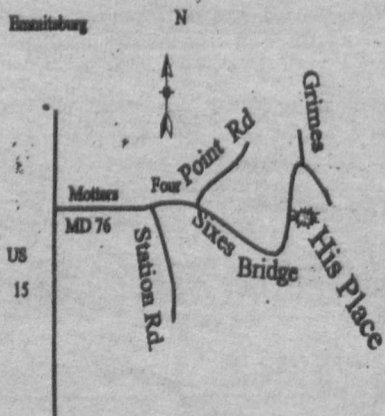
**Belated January anniversaries:** Maurice and Patsy Rice, Russell and Sidney Moser

**February birthdays:** Lacey Wolfe-Naomi Rice, Patricia Lutz, Frances Bostian, Rachel Eichelberger, Daisy Smith, Orville Black, Maurice Rice and Wayne Hooper.

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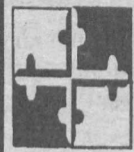
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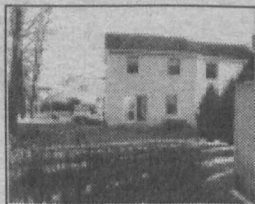
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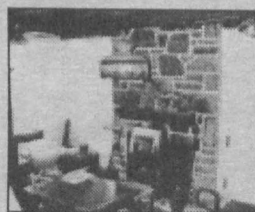


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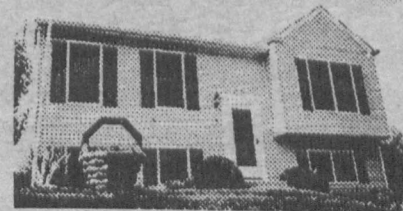
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## Catoctin FFA chapter has busy Fall

BY BOB BEAVAN

The FFA finished its fall bulb sales with over 450 units being sold and twenty-five members participating. The top salespeople were: Josh Beall, 56 units; Kelly Shoemaker, 52 units; Jen Butler, 43 units; Carrie Muller, 38 units; Sadah Bentz, 28 units; Christina Hurley, 25 units; Beth Shriner, 23 units; Josh Bentz, 23 units; Melissa Sharrer, 21 units; Chad Hahn, 18 units and Lindsay Gelwicks, 18 units.

The National FFA Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 26-31, 1999. Attending from Catoctin were Kirra Pilson, Jason Savage, Josh Bentz, and Carrie Muller. Jessica Troxell, Jennifer Seiss, Mark Valentine and Tammy Green attended and received their American FFA Degrees. Bob Valentine received his Honorary American FFA Degree. Mr. Beavan and Karren Sowell chaperoned. Bob and Helen Troxell, Harold Green, Diane Tregoning and Madeline Valentine also attended with their children.

The chapter had a float in the homecoming parade. The 1999 FFA citrus sales totaled 634 boxes of fruit. 41 FFA members participated in the fund raiser with about \$2700 being raised. The top six sales people were: Jessica Valentine, 46 cases; Chad Hahn, 36 cases;

Christina Hurley, 30 cases; Josh Bentz, 29 cases, Mike Bradshaw, 28 cases; and Bernie Troxell, 28 cases.

The following students participated from the FFA in the school's Winter Workshop Jessica Valentine, Kirra Pilson, Jesse Dewees, Paul Dennis, Lori Kolb, Bekka Froitzheim, Chrissy Firme, Rachel Hahn, Melissa Sharrer, Josh Bentz, Christina Hurley, Jen Butler, Penny Eyler, Carrie Muller, Lori Kolb, , Josh Beall, Mark Butler, Becky Cool, Lindsay Gelwicks, Chad Hahn, Brooke Hoffman, Keola Houck, Kelly Shoemaker, Beth Shriner, Davie Stonesifer, Shannon Whipp, and Dawn Willard.

Project PALS is about to begin with Penny Eyler and David Stonesifer being co-chairpersons. The students plan to visit Emmitsburg Elementary school about every two weeks with an agriculturally related topic. National FFA week will be celebrated February 20th-26th., 2000. A variety of activities are being planned. The FFA pork butchering will take place on March 3rd. Advanced orders are needed by February 22nd. Call Mr. Beavan for more information. In February the chapter will spend a day at Lewistown Elementary school instructing the students in various topics of agriculture.

## Banquet from page 7

Mr. Baker noted that new faces were seen in the VHC Auxiliary during 1999 and hopes the trend will continue. He introduced auxiliary president Dot Davis who presented a check for \$35,000 to the company.

Among the awards and recognition of service presented are the following:

Length of Service Awards: Chad Umbel (5 years); Andy Eiker and Donna Shriner (10); Chris Byard (15); Jim Click and Stephen Orndorff (20); Gary Glass (30); Arthur Damuth (45); and Brooke Damuth, Charles Hartdagen, and Charles Stouter (50).

Top 10 Responders: Guy A. Baker, III, Larry Glass, Clifton E. Shriner (each with 212 calls); Carl A. White (219); Christopher P. Byard (270); Christopher A. Stahely (280); Glenn R. Swain (312); Vincent L. Boyle (333); Chad M. Umbel (355); Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr. (357); Randy Myers (502); and top responder for 1999 James E. Click (506).

The In-Station training award was presented to Glenn Swain; the Formal Training award and Chief's

award was presented to Chad Umbel. Referring to him as "A Man for All Seasons," Chief Frank Davis said "Chad is a man who always responds with the words 'I'll take care of it,' and then does it with no further prompting." During the past eighteen months, Chad assumed responsibility for the Company's Emergency Medical Services and operation, served as Lieutenant, and was in the top ten responders and top ten LOSAOP for the past year.

The President's award was presented to Tom Vaughn for his role in directing the Y2K issue for the company.

Leo M. Boyle, Arthur J. Damuth, and Charles F. Stouter were inducted into the Vigilant Hose Company Hall of Fame, the company's highest award category. Deceased members elected to the group were Charles Mort, Ralph Sperry, Oldrich Tokar, Charles Troxell, and Terry Myers.

The program ended with a video presentation of "The Year in review - 1999" by Rosensteel Studios.

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# St. Anthony/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL  
Dispatch Correspondent

**The March for Life** in Washington, D.C., was attended by several members of our area parishes. This annual January event marked the 27th anniversary of abortion on demand in the United States. The march is a peaceful, prayerful protest against killing babies in their mother's womb, whether during the first trimester or within minutes of birth.

**Mrs. Mary Myers** of OLMC Parish, now residing at Homewood Retirement Center, celebrated her 104th birthday in December. She received many cards and good wishes.

**Many Thanks to Paul and Mariola Matwecha** who designed and crafted a beautiful wood **Jubilee Pledge Cross** for each Parish. Parishioners sign these

crosses during the year 2000 to signify that they will examine their hearts and restructure their lives in order to live as true Christians.

**World Marriage Day** will be recognized by our Archdiocese on February 13, at 3:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Mary the Queen in Baltimore. All married couples are invited to attend the Mass which will be celebrated by William Cardinal Keeler. Our own parishes offer congratulation of Fiftieth Wedding Anniversaries to **Anthony and Madeline Toth of OLMC** and **Sterling and Jean Orndorff of St. Anthony's**.

**St. Anthony's Cemetery Records** are being reorganized. Volunteers are needed to write information on index cards during regular office hours. Please call Diane Decker, 301-447-2367, if you would like to help. No computer work is involved.

**A Confirmation Service Activity** which all students would attend is a visit to Citizens Nursing Home on Sunday, February 20th, from 2-3 p.m. Students and chaperons (needed) will leave OLMC parking lot at 1:15 p.m. and will stop for fast food on the return trip.

**Congratulations. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish** welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community the following:

**Kirsten Dumbroski**, daughter of Joseph and Donna Dumbroski, and **Jacob Dumbroski**, son of Dawn Dumbroski, who were baptized Sunday, December 5, 1999.

**Nathaniel Eugene Young**, son of Blaine and Michelle Young, who was baptized on Sunday, December 12, 1999.

**Brandon and Hannah Keeney**, children of Sterling and

Theresa Keeney, who were baptized Sunday, December 19, 1999.

**Abigail Elizabeth Stouter**, daughter of Michael and Glenda Stouter, who was baptized Sunday, January 9, 2000.

**Andrew Joseph Keane Bramson**, son of Jonathan and Susan Bramson, who was baptized January 16, 2000.

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## Catholic School Week: Seton Students Celebrate

BY VAL MENTZER  
Dispatch Correspondent

Mother Seton School students and families celebrated National Catholic Schools Week, January 29 through February 4, to acknowledge the wonderful things that occur in Catholic school systems across the country.

The week began on Saturday with the school band and chorus performing at the Francis Scott Key Mall.

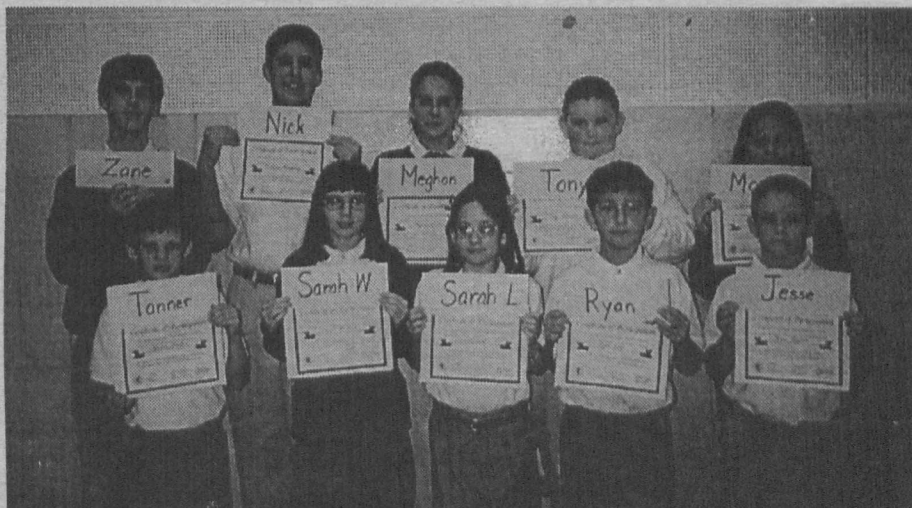
Monday, January 31, featured a Liturgy with the school community.

Tuesday a Spirit Rally was held. All classrooms shared "Why The Mother Seton School Spirit Shines."

Wednesday, February 2nd, was Staff Appreciation Day. It was also a special casual dress day and students could wear their favorite sweatshirts over their regular uniform. Luncheon was provided for the school staff.

Thursday, February 3rd, was Student Appreciation Day with a Talent Show performance by staff and students. Students also enjoyed an out-of-uniform day.

Friday was a staff retreat day and no school for students.



This year's MSS finalists in the National Geographic Geography Bee are, front row from left, Tanner Shaffer, Sarah Warthen, Sarah Langan, Ryan Wiles and Jesse Patarini. Back row from left are Zane Craig (1st Place), Nick Monacelli, Meghan Butler, Tony Patarini and Morgan Maze. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

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## SOMETHING TO EAT: *Burgers a lost art*

JACK DEATHERAGE, JR.

I've often heard food doesn't taste the same as you grow older. For example: a sandwich at a burger joint still around from the mid 60s. Supposedly they sell all beef burgers, but I stopped eating there because I couldn't figure out what animal they were calling "beef." Their food didn't taste in the 80s the way it had in the 60s! Maybe some of us become jaded as far as food flavors are concerned as we grow older. Or maybe the food has changed.

Dad stopped at Bollinger's Meat Market on Saturdays. He bought two 5-pound bags of hamburger: one we started on within minutes of his delivering it to our kitchen. The meat was a deep, dark red mixed with fat. Those hamburgers became my standard.

Then Dad started buying

from supermarkets. Not any special one, he tried them all. There was an odd flavor to their beef, and it was not caused by aging taste buds in the Deatherage family. The eight of us began complaining, but Bollinger's was gone along with its meats.

I recall looking at pink rows of ground beef from the supermarket and wondering how they got the meat to turn pink! I'd buy the stuff on foam wrapped with plastic, and take it home with hopes that this time it would taste like hamburger. But it didn't. I'd cut a chunk from the lump and discover, once more, some sickly brown stuff that tasted like that burger joint's offering. Sighing, I'd get out the herbs and spices, and try to make the stuff edible.

Eventually Wanda and I decided to get a hind quarter for the freezer. SHRIVERS MEATS (301-447-2255) had a good reputation and

I'd eaten their beef for years at a local restaurant. Wanda and I settled into a routine of frozen hamburger-patties and bulk, a few steaks and a roast or two. We've been happy with most of the meats they've sold us over the years. Now I get decent burgers when I want them.

As near as I can figure, all the supermarket and fast food meats have the same problem. The meat comes from "super" farms where keeping cost low is of great importance. Cram the animals into the smallest possible space, feed them the cheapest feeds and get them to market fast. No flavor, just meat! Then the processor gets to add water and other things.

Shriver's business has to stand face to face with its customers. They can't afford to have mediocre meat. Shriver's beef is better fed, better cared for. To get better beef you have to know the farmer raising

the animal and be willing to pay for the expensive feed and care.

Getting decent pork has also been a problem. This became apparent several years ago when we bought half a pig that cost us more than twice what we were used to paying. The flavor was unbelievably good. The fellow who raised the pigs explained he fed them the best feeds he could find. He and his family had to eat the meat too. His competitors were looking for the most profit at the lowest cost. Ta Dah! Flavorless pork!

I've found a supplier of beef and several for pork. Now I need to get someone who messes with chickens and turkeys. This is going to be tough because the work is more labor intensive and the profit margin so low. Maybe I'll raise a chicken or two in the cavy/parakeet room.

Wanda is sure to have a fit about that. Especially when she has to pluck and clean the birds.

## GOAT TAILS: *Breaking Down the Barriers*

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In keeping with last month's analogy of goats and people, I thought I would offer another one this month, this time concerning our teenagers. The following thoughts are one's which came to me as I took water up to my three goats the other day. Sometimes an idea, no matter how peculiar, just grabs onto you and won't let go. But I will stop short of making any apologies for the analogy I am attempting to make here of goats and children. So hold on to your goat's horns and off we go!

It was an exquisitely beautiful spring day, and as I poured the water for my goats, I decided I would do them a kindness and let them out of the pen where the tall grasses and lush multiflora he just beyond the gate. First, however, I go down the hill and get a large piece of lattice to block their path down the hill ... I hope. From past experience I know how hard it is to keep them up the hill. Usually giving them more freedom results in them breaking the flimsy barrier down and coming

down the hill where they would then feast on my small pine and fruit trees and shrubs closer to the house.

Sure enough, my lattice barrier was insufficient. Watching from my kitchen window I could see Fawn wandering toward the pine grove. Dropping everything, I went out to guide her back and considered how to make a better barrier. As I had already been contemplating the necessary, though sometimes difficult, restrictions I must make for my children, the problem of barrier building grew. I opened the gate to give them more freedom and opportunities, but other types of barriers are still needed to restrict their behavior. Parenting a teenager is very tricky business, for once the gate is open, the multiflora always looks greener on the other side.

Like my goats, teens really are still pretty innocent and naive as to what is good for them, even though they would totally disagree. They long to push further and further down the hill, into the restricted areas, even if it does harm to their parents. For if

the beautiful and nurturing trees and shrubs closer to my home, closer to my heart, are destroyed, much will be lost.

And so the arduous chore of erecting better barriers goes on. I try to see this as a necessary, even natural process. Searching around for more barrier material, I found a 10' length of picket fence and some folded up wire fencing. So the barrier grew, and once I myself found it difficult to get through it I knew it would do for at least awhile. However, I am realistic enough to know that there is always potential for them to go even further down the tree line, beyond my barrier, and once again begin exploring the forbidden territory. The goats may find those pine trees, but what will our children find? Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, and maybe even worse things. All I can do is hope my barrier holds.

Through it all, I try to be philosophical. As naturally as a rivulet of water seeks passage from its source, my goats and my teens will weave their way in and out and find

their way around any obstacle, be it rock, shrub, fence or parent. This is a natural process, I tell myself, as they strive to separate themselves from the parents, for ultimately they must find their own way. Still, it is the instinct of the parent to protect, and to put up the barriers. And so the process goes on and on. But remember, it is a natural, I tell myself.

There is some comfort in this realization.

There will always be weak spots in a fence, no matter how well it is built, and both goats and children are experts at finding them. We work hard at trying to repair, but sometimes we just don't have the time or the energy to repair. It is at those times we just have to trust.

Most of all, we must be sure not to build barriers where barriers are not needed. I speak here of the barrier of miscommunication and anger. These are the more subtle barriers which must come down at any cost, but which stand all too often as a moat between us and our teens.

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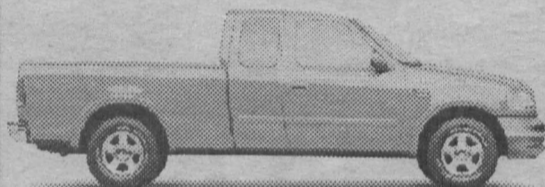
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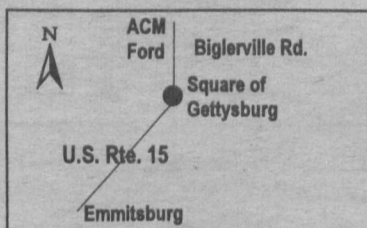


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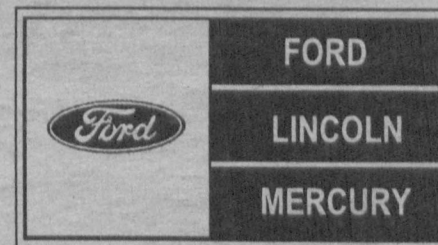
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